

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air "Stolen Honor: Wounds That Never Heal," an anti-Kerry documentary, days before the election is an outrageous example of a media conglomerate using its muscle to influence the outcome of an election. I cannot believe that this is legal. I heard a Sinclair representative state on air, with straight face, that this a non-partisan, news-oriented broadcast. To prove it, they have asked Kerry to appear on air and face a panel. Does this person think we are all stupid? We all know that this is not a legitimate attempt to explore election-year issues. It is a smear campaign and blatant party politics.

My concerns transcend the message of this particular documentary. I cannot vehemence of the negative reactions that would result from a network or a media conglomerate mandating that stations broadcast "Fahrenheit 9/11" at the same time as the Kerry program.

I hope that the FCC will do what it can to prevent this travesty. If it cannot be stopped, I believe that Sinclair Broadcasting should no longer be allowed to benefit from access to the public airwaves. They should not be permitted FCC licenses to operate stations.

Sincerely yours,

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